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SENATE BILL NO. 1169

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRAY.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.231, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to student transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 167.231, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.231, to read as follows:

167.231. 1. Within all school districts except metropolitan districts the
2 board of education shall provide transportation to and from school for all pupils
3 living more than three and one-half miles from school and may provide
4 transportation for all pupils. State aid for transportation shall be paid as
5 provided in section 163.161, RSMo, only on the basis of the cost of pupil
6 transportation for those pupils living one mile or more from school, including
7 transportation provided to and from publicly operated university laboratory
8 schools. The board of education may provide transportation for pupils living less
9 than one mile from school at the expense of the district and may prescribe
10 reasonable rules and regulations as to eligibility of pupils for transportation,
11 **and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no such district shall**
12 **be subject to an administrative penalty when the district demonstrates**
13 **pursuant to rule established by the state board of education that such**
14 **students are required to cross a state highway or county arterial in the**
15 **absence of sidewalks, traffic signals, or a crossing guard and that no**
16 **existing bus stop location has been changed to permit a district to**
17 **evade such penalty.** If no increase in the tax levy of the school district is
18 required to provide transportation for pupils living less than one mile from the
19 school, the board may transport said pupils. If an increase in the tax levy of the
20 school district is required to provide transportation for pupils living less than one

21 mile from school, the board shall submit the question at a public election. If a
22 two-thirds majority of the voters voting on the question at the election are in
23 favor of providing the transportation, the board shall arrange and provide
24 therefor.

25 2. The proposal and the ballots may be in substantially the following form:

26 Shall the board of education of the school
27 district provide transportation at the expense of the district for pupils living less
28 than one mile from school and be authorized to levy an additional tax of
29 cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds to pay for
30 such transportation service?

31 ☐ YES ☐ NO

32 (If you are in favor of the proposition (or question), place an X in the box opposite
33 "YES". If you are opposed to the proposition (or question), place an X in the box
34 opposite "NO".)

35 3. The board of education of any school district may provide
36 transportation to and from school for any public school pupil not otherwise
37 eligible for transportation under the provisions of state law, and may prescribe
38 reasonable rules and regulations as to eligibility for transportation, if the parents
39 or guardian of the pupil agree in writing to pay the actual cost of transporting the
40 pupil. The minimum charge would be the actual cost of transporting the pupil
41 for ninety school days, which actual cost is to be determined by the average per
42 pupil cost of transporting children in the school district during the preceding
43 school year. The full actual cost shall be paid by the parent or guardian of the
44 pupil and shall not be paid out of any state school aid funds or out of any other
45 revenues of the school district. The cost of transportation may be paid in
46 installments, and the board of education shall establish the cost of the
47 transportation and the time or times and method of payment.

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